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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. REF MOSCOW 551, PARA 2: DETAILS ON POSSIBLE MENDELSON  
TRIP NOT YET WORKED OUT. WE RECOMMEND YOU GO AHEAD AND  
ISSUE VALINSHENE HER VISA, AND WE WILL MAKE LINKAGE HERE  
LATER.

2. INR AGREES WITH YOUR REASONING ON BREZHNEV'S HEALTH RE-  
PORTED IN MOSCOW 613.

3. FOR LUERS:

A. GLAD TO HEAR YOU ARE PREPARED TO DO THE PONOMAREV TRIP.  
WITH RALPH'S WITHDRAWAL I WAS BEGINNING TO FACE UP TO  
NECESSITY OF DOING IT MYSELF, BUT I THINK FOR THE REASONS WE  
DISCUSSED IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER TO HAVE THE MOST PRESTIG-  
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IOUS ESCORT AVAILABLE. I'M DUBIOUS ABOUT SWITCHING HORSES  
IN MID-STREAM; IN FACT, DETROIT IS PRETTY CLOSE TO THE FAR  
SHORE. IF YOU CAN DO IT, I WOULD STRONGLY SUGGEST YOUR IN-  
VESTING THE ADDITIONAL DAY IN DETROIT (4 PM ON THE 30TH TO  
4 PM ON THE 31ST), THEN, IF YOU ARE PRESSED, DROPPING OFF  
FOR THE NEW YORK PORTION; THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE WELL TAKEN  
CARE OF THERE AND HAVE ASKED THAT THE LAST DAY BE LEFT FREE.

B. PASSED YOUR MESSAGE TO DICK VINE WHO HAS DISCUSSED THE OECD ASSIGNMENT AT LENGTH AND REPEATEDLY WITH HERB SALZMAN. OUR MAN IS FAVORED HERE, BUT THERE IS ANOTHER CANDIDATE SALZMAN HAS IN MIND AND WE WILL HAVE TO SEE HOW IT TURNS OUT. ON OTHER THINGS YOU MIGHT TAKE UP BEFORE LEAVING, (1) DID YOU RAISE SENIOR SEMINAR VISIT WITH SOVIETS? WE ARE BEING PRESSED BY SEMINAR WHICH NEEDS TO PLAN. (2) WE ARE WAITING ON RESPONSE TO SOV ASSIGNMENTS WE HAVE OFFERED TO SHAUN BYRNES (BILATERAL) AND SANDY GUST (EXCHANGES). A WORD FROM YOU MIGHT PROD THEM. IN FACT, IF YOU HAD OPPORTUNITY, A WORD TO ALL HANDS ON OUR CADRE SITUATION AND REBUILDING EFFORTS WOULD BE USEFUL IN UNDER-SCORING THE NEED TO RECYCLE GOOD CADRE.

C. MARSHALL TALKED TO THE FELLOW THIS PAST WEEKEND, GOT A NEGATIVE REACTION BUT WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER FURTHER. PERSONALLY, I THINK IT'S UPHILL UNLESS HEAVY MUSCLE IS APPLIED.

4. FOR LUERS FROM MARIE:

A. DR. HUNTING'S OFFICE CALLED TO INVITE YOU TO MEETING ON EAST-WEST PLANNING GROUP AT 1200 ON JANUARY 25 AT WHITE HOUSE. SHULMAN ALSO INVITED, BUT MAY BE OUT OF TOWN. MEETING TO BE CHAIRED BY BRZEZINSKI. ASSUME I SHOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCEPT.

B. SPOKE TO MR. KLINE WHO SUGGESTED FOLLOWING PEOPLE BE CONTACTED IN LONDON: MAX HAYWARD, AT OXFORD, (AC 865) 57402; TANYA LITVINOV, IN HOVE, (AC 273) 732075; CLAYTON YEO, SOVIET RESEARCHER, IN LONDON, 1-836-7788.

5.A.RE YOUR COMMENT ON THE NEW JUNIOR OFFICER PROGRAM, WE HAVE INDEED BEEN PONDERING THE IMPACT, AND YOUR FORMAL COMMENTS WILL BE MOST WELCOME. FOR MONTHS NOW WE HAVE HAD INTENSIFYING STRUGGLES WITH PER AS THEY BEGAN TO THINK IN TERMS OF THE TRAINING AND ASSIGNMENT CONSTRAINS EVEN BEFORE THEY CAME INTO FORMAL EFFECT. WE HAVE TRIED TO SQUIRREL AWAY THE BEST PRE-JANUARY OFFICERS WE COULD LAY HANDS ON--FRIED TO EB, CAUFFEY TO INR/RSE, AND OTHERS--WITH THE HOPE OF RETRIEVING THEM FROM INTERIM ASSIGNMENTS OVER THE LEAN THREE TO FOUR YEARS AHEAD. WE CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR PROMISING JUNIOR OFFICERS AMONG THOSE ON FIRST TOURS NOW.

B. BUT YOU SHOULD KNOW OF ANOTHER PROBLEM WE NOW FACE. SELECTION OUT LETTERS, APPARENTLY A PRECURSOR OF REDUCED

PROMOTIONS, ARE HITTING A NUMBER OF GOOD FSO-6'S: CLARKE

IN SOFIA, WHOM WE HAD HOPED TO BRING TO SOV; CARPENTER AT FSI WHO WAS TO REPLACE WHITE IN KIEV (WE ARE GIVING THE CARPENTER CASE PRIORITY ATTENTION, BUT DON'T HAVE A SOLUTION AT THIS POINT).

C. LOOKING AT THE HORRORS AHEAD, ANY FSO-6 WHO HAS LESS THAN THREE YEARS TO GO (OF SEVEN IF ENTERED AT FSO-8, OF FIVE IF FSO-7) TO MAKE FSO-5, BECOMES AN INCREASED RISK FOR TRAINING AND ASSIGNMENT UNTIL PROMOTIONS PICK UP AGAIN. FOR EXAMPLE, TIME IS UP THIS YEAR FOR MANDEL AND GUNDERSEN (NO LETTERS REPORTED, WE GATHER THEY MADE IT); FOLLEY (TO LENINGRAD THIS SUMMER) AND CARTER NOW IN MOSCOW ARE UP IN CONFIDENTIAL

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1979. WE HAVE ASKED PER TO INVENTORY ALL OUR JUNIOR OFFICERS AT POST OR IN TRAINING TO GET THE FULL PICTURE OF HOW MUCH TROUBLE WE MAY BE IN. BUT WE HAVE SEEN ENOUGH AT THIS POINT TO CONCLUDE THAT OUR JUNIOR OFFICER PROGRAM, WHETHER FIRST TOUR OR SECOND, IS IN FOR HARDER TIMES.

6. CONCERNING A POSSIBLE VISIT BY MESYATS TO THE U.S. THIS YEAR, WE UNDERSTAND THAT HATHAWAY EXTENDED AN ORAL INVITATION TO HIM AT THE TIME OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN DECEMBER. IN HIS LETTER TO RUNOV CONCERNING BERGLAND'S PLANS (SEPTTEL, SENT TODAY), HATHAWAY SUGGESTS THE BEST TIME FOR MESYATS' VISIT MIGHT BE THE FALL--PERHAPS AT THE TIME OF THE NEXT JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING IN OCTOBER.

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